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SUBJECT: ALLEGED BUGGING OF BLUE HOUSE

REF: SEOUL 5229

1. AT LUNCH TODAY (JUNE 24) PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG-YOM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR PROMPT DENIAL OF NEW YORK TIMES ALLEGATIONS ON EAVESDROPPING. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF DETAILS EMBELLISHING TIMES ALLEGATIONS, BLUE HOUSE IS CONCERNED THAT NUMBER OF KOREANS ARE ACCEPTING TIMES REPORT AS TRUE DESPIE OUR CONFIDENTIAL DISCLAIMERS.

2. KIM ASKED US TO CONSIDER, IN THIS INSTANCE, PUBLIC

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DENIAL. HE NOTED THAT IN THE CASE OF ALLEGED BUGGING OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT AND FORMER CHANCELLOR BRANDT, LETTERS OF DENIAL HAD BEEN SENT ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. SIMILARLY, DURING CURRENT AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER FRASER'S VISIT, ALLEGATIONS OF CIA ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY DENIED. HE URGED THAT WE CONSIDER SIMILAR EXCEPTION TO STANDARD PROCEDURES IN CASE OF ROK.

3. I EXPLAINED NORMAL U.S. PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ALLEGATIONS, AND URGED ROKG NOT TO PAY ATTENTION TO NEW YORK TIMES REPORT. KIM NEVERTHELESS PRESSED HIS CASE, POINTING AGAIN TO REPORTED EXCEPTIONS TO OUR NORMAL PROCEDURES. I AGREED TO PASS ON HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

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